

# DISCIPLESHIP TODAY

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## THIS MONTH'S FOCUS – Hope

### And So the Story Goes....

A school system in a large city had a program to help hospitalized children keep up with their school work. One day a teacher assigned to the program received a call asking her to visit a hospitalized child. She talked briefly with the child's regular class teacher. "We're studying nouns and adverbs in his class now," the regular teacher said, "and I'd be grateful if you could help him understand them so he doesn't fall too far behind."

The hospital program teacher went to see the boy that afternoon. No one had mentioned to her that the boy had been badly burned and was in great pain. Upset at the sight of the boy, she stammered as she told him, "I've been sent by your school to help you with nouns and adverbs." When she left she felt she hadn't accomplished much. But the next day, a nurse asked her, "What did you do to that boy?" We've been worried about him, but ever since yesterday, his whole attitude has changed. He's fighting back, responding to treatment. It's as though he's decided to live."

Two weeks later the boy explained that he had completely given up hope until the teacher arrived. Everything changed when he came to a simple realization. He expressed it this way: "They wouldn't send a teacher to work on nouns and adverbs with a dying boy, would they?"

### They Said It:

*"A famous American cardiologist said in his autobiography, 'Hope is the medicine I use more than any other. Hope can cure nearly everything.' Another doctor commented, 'If you lead a person to believe there is no hope, you drive another nail in his coffin.'"*

– Leslie B. Flynn



*"The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity – hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory – because at the Father's will Jesus Christ became poor, and was born in a stable so that 30 years later He might hang on a cross."*

– J. I. Packer

*"Do not look to your hope, but to Christ, the source of your hope....without Christ there is no hope."*

– Charles Spurgeon

*"The one theme that is common to churches which are attracting people is the theme of hope..."*

– Lyle Schaller

### Readings From The Scriptures:

**Day 1** – Psalm 25:5, 21

**Day 2** – Psalm 42

**Day 3** – Jeremiah 17:13

**Day 4** – Romans 5:1-5

**Day 5** – Romans 15:12-13

**Day 6** – 1 Timothy 4:10

**Day 7** – 1 Peter 3:15

### Try This Memory Verse:

*"The Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their **hope** in His unfailing love." (Psalm 147:11)*

## News & Notes . . .

- **Free Resource** – One of the best devotional books you can give to someone who is hospitalized, struggling with a terminal illness, or experiencing difficult times is **Hope for Each Day** by Billy Graham. If you'd like a free copy of this book, please contact us.
- **Visit our website**, [www.discipleshipcenter.org](http://www.discipleshipcenter.org) for a variety of discipleship tools and helps.
- **Prayers Appreciated** – Pray for us as we participate in these upcoming ministry opportunities:
  - July 8 – Guest speaker at Upstate NY Family Camp
  - August 11 – CCC Ladies Bible Study
  - August 21 – Conducting two TDC workshops at Canastota (NY) COTN
  - September 25 – "Discipleship Day," coordinated by TDC at Auburn (NY) COTN
- **Interested in Discipleship Workshops?** We can present them at your church, with a small group, or at your home. We cover topics such as *God's Will, Studying Your Bible, Sharing Your Faith, Relationship with God, The Spirit-Filled Life*, and more. Go to our website for a full listing of available workshops!
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# Associated with Hope

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